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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659/1533 K-C No. 14,996C
Serial No. 09/753,076	Filing Date December 29, 2000	Examiner Jeffery C. Mullins	Group Art Unit 1711
Inventor(s) Wang et al.			
Title of Invention GRAFTED BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER BLEND COMPOSITIONS			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Response to Office Action (6 pages); Change of Correspondence Address and Change of Attorney Docket Number (2 pages); Executed Power of Attorney document (2 pages); and return receipt postcard.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for a _____ month extension of time.

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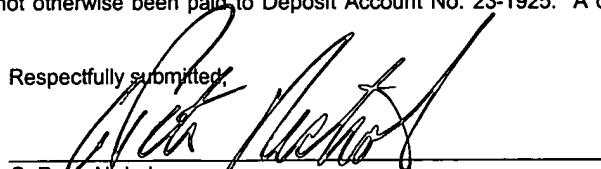
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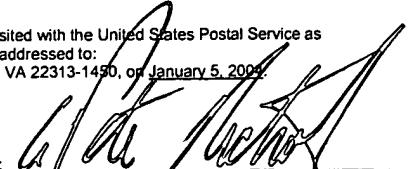
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, please reconsider the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.